

## **Quick-start Firmware Upgrade Guide**

To update the firmware follow the following procedure:

- 1. Go to our website and download the firmware here.
  - 1. http://www.neptunesystems.com/support/sw-updates/
- 2. Ensure a hardwired connection between computer and router and router to Apex
  - 1. NO Wireless
  - 2. Disable your wireless on your computer
- 3. Disable any virus/firewall software on your computer
  - If you do not know how to do this, then restart your computer in "Safe Mode w/networking"
- 4. Open the Apex flash utility
  - 1. For PC: Put the controller IP address in the network address line, and fill in the other appropriate information
  - 2. For Mac: Add a controller and fill in the appropriate information
- 5. Click Update firmware
  - 1. For PC: If it does not load the firmware after failed attempt 2, then power cycle your Apex by removing the Aquabus cable from the EB8 to the base unit.
  - 2. For Mac: If it does not connect retrying two times, then power cycle your Apex by removing the Aquabus cable from the EB8 to the base unit.
- 6. After the firmware update, then update the web pages.

Some common errors that are made in a firmware update include (from most common to least common):

- 1. Not having a hard wire connection between computer and router
- 2. Not having a hard wire connection between Apex and router
- 3. Not disabling virus/firewall software
- 4. Not running computer in safe mode w/ Networking